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Information on electronic liability certificates

Application

Please always use the current forms - thank you!

(at <https://www.deutsche-flagge.de/de/antraege-und-dokumente/antraege> - at the very bottom of the page)

Please submit your application to the BSH by e-mail; originals do not have to be submitted anymore. Currently, the BSH only requires one application form per ship to issue the following certificates:

- **Oil in bulk as cargo** (1992 Liability Convention),
- **Bunker oil** (Bunker Oil Convention of 2001) and
- **Wreck Removal.**

In order to apply for a **passenger liability** certificate, you need to use a separate application form.

Please note:

- Please provide a **central e-mail address** to which the BSH can send the documents; this e-mail address should be provided on the application form.
- Please ensure that the BSH has **current/valid documents at any time**. If the BSH does not have current/valid documents, you need to attach the following documents to the application: the **Blue Card(s)** and the **ship's tonnage certificate** or **proof of carriage of persons**.
- If the application is not submitted by the registered owner or carrier, but by an authorized person, please submit *an authorisation form*;
- If the ship does not fly the German flag and/or the registered owner or carrier does **not** have a permanent residence or a registered office in Germany, a person residing in Germany needs to be appointed authorised recipient for documents and other communication. In that case, please submit the form **“Authorisation to receive Communication”**.
- One electronic copy of each authorisation form suffices.
- In principle, the fee notice will be issued to the registered owner or the carrier. However, you may name a **different recipient for the fee notice**.
- If you do not submit the application or attachments in German or English, you need to include a translation by a state-approved translator.

Please send the application and the required documents (as PDF files) by e-mail **to the following designated e-mail addresses only**:

- nwrc@bsh.de for liability certificates (oil liability, wreck removal liability)
- plc@bsh.de for passenger liability certificates

Please **do not send applications to personal BSH e-mail addresses**, as we are only able to process applications if the above-mentioned designated e-mail addresses are used.

Attention:

The registered owner or carrier is obliged to notify the BSH of any changes in the security covers indicated in the liability certificates immediately.

Issuance of liability certificates

The BSH issues all liability certificates and related documents electronically. You will receive them by e-mail only, sent from the no-reply mailbox liability@bsh.de. Attached to this e-mail, you will find the certificate, the fee notice and other documents.

The electronic liability certificates contain a Tracking Identification Number (TID) and a QR-code to confirm their authenticity and validity (verify).

Verifying electronic liability certificates

In the context of port state control or other inspections, electronic liability certificates can be verified via the **“Deutsche-Flagge-Website”**:

- Either **via this link** <https://www.deutsche-flagge.de/en/certificates-verification/e-certificates>: When you follow the link, a screen will open where you can enter the TID (bottom left of the document). Once entered, the electronic liability certificate will be displayed.
- or by using the **QR-Code** on the bottom left of the certificate: When you scan the QR code, the electronic liability certificate will be displayed.

Alternatively, you can contact the **Maritime Hotline (24/7-Service)**:

- Phone: +49 40 3190 - 7777

If you have any questions, please contact

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